

REMARKS

Claims 8-12 are amended, claim 7 is cancelled, and claims 1-6 and 8-41 remain in the Application for consideration. In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the subject Application.

Allowed Claims

Claims 1-6 and 13-41 stand allowed.

Specification/Drawings

Applicant's disclosure stands objected to based on certain informalities. As discussed during the Examiner Interview, Applicant has included a replacement drawing sheet for Fig. 4 that attends to these informalities. In submitting the replacement drawing sheet, no new matter has been added.

§ 102 Rejections

Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,969,036 to Bhanu, et al. (hereinafter "Bhanu"). Without conceding the propriety of this rejection, Applicant has cancelled claim 7.

Claim Objections

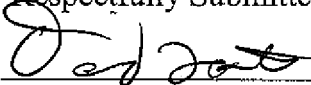
Dependent claims 8-12 stand objected to as being dependent from rejected base claim 7, but would otherwise be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Without conceding the propriety of these objections or the rejection of claim 7, Applicant has cancelled claim 7 and rewritten claim 8 in independent form.

Applicant has further amended claims 9-12 to depend from amended claim 8. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objections to claims 8-12 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All of the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests a Notice of Allowability be issued forthwith. If the Office's next anticipated action is to be anything other than issuance of a Notice of Allowability, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone call for the purpose of scheduling an interview.

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